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FROM AMBASSADOR EASUM

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SUBJ: BILATERAL ECONOMIC TALKS: EVENING RECEPTION APRIL 24

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1. BELIEVE RECEPTION OR SIMILAR SOCIAL EVENT AS EN-
VISAGED FOR EVENING APRIL 24 IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE. IT SHOULD
BE MOST USEFUL FOR GETTING ACQUAINTED AND FOR SUBSTANTIVE
PURPOSES. FURTHERMORE, ABSENCE OF SOME SUCH FUNCTION
LIKELY TO BE REMARKED UPON BY NIGERIANS IN AFTERMATH OF
UNSTINTED HOSPITALITY PROVIDED BY FMG DURING RECENT CARTER
VISIT TO LAGOS. (FOR EXAMPLE, MEA REQUISITIONED ENTIRE QUO
VADIS RESTAURANT FOR LUNCHEON FOR WHITE HOUSE PRE-ADVANCE
TEAM THE DAY OF THEIR ARRIVAL.)

2. CONCUR THAT MEMBERS OF CONGRESS SHOULD BE IN-
CLUDED (CAUCUS AND OTHERS). SUGGEST FOLLOWING ADDI-
TIONAL POSSIBILITIES TO DRAW FROM: CONGRESSIONAL STAFF
(E.G., FRANK BALLANCE, PAULINE BAKER), POIC (E.G.,
BOB SMITH), COMMERCE DEPARTMENT, PRIVATE ENTERPRISE
(E.G., GORDON BRONSON, RAY BAKER, TERRY LAZAR),
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AMBASSADOR JOE PALMER, ACADEMIC COMMUNITY (INCLUDING
TECHNICAL/VOCATIONAL), AND NIGERIANS FROM NIGERIAN
EMBASSY AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN WASHINGTON
(E.G., EBRD AND IMF).

3. BEST SITE FOR RECEPTION MIGHT BE EIGHTH FLOOR OF
DEPARTMENT. WARREN ROBBINS' MUSEUM OF AFRICAN ART

OR AFRICAN ROOM AT KENNEDY CENTER MIGHT POSSIBLE
ALTERNATIVES.

4. PERHAPS COST OF RECEPTION COULD BE SHARED STATE
AND COMMERCE. IN CASE OF FUNDS PROBLEM, EMBASSY LAGOS
COULD BE QUERIED REGARDING STATUS ITS REPRESENTATION
FUNDS. VANCE

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